

FLAG DESECRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action H.J. Res. 79, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress and the States to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: On May 24, the Committee ordered reported amended H.R. 1530, National Defense Authorization for fiscal year 1996.

**NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
IMPROVEMENT ACT**

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 1675, National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representatives Herger, Meehan and Cooley; Mollie Beattie, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Endangered Species Act Task Force concluded oversight hearings on the Endangered Species Act. Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich; George T. Frampton, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; Rolland Schmitten, Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce; David G. Unger, Associate Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Thomas A. Kourlis, Commissioner of Agriculture, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

AMERICAN OVERSEAS INTERESTS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a recorded vote of 7-3, a rule providing for the further consideration of amendments to H.R. 1561, Overseas Interests Act of 1995, for an additional period of 6 hours after the expiration of the initial 10-hour amendment process provided for in H. Res. 155.

The rule permits the consideration only of amendments printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD by May 24, 1995, under the five-minute rule, pro forma amendments for debate purposes, amendments considered en bloc pursuant to section 2 of H. Res. 155 if printed in the RECORD by May 24th (and germane modifications thereof), and an amendment by the chairman of the International Relations Committee, after consultation with the ranking minority member, if otherwise in order, even though not printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

**SBA'S DISASTER ASSISTANCE LOAN
PROGRAM**

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs held a hearing on the SBA's Dis-

aster Assistance Loan Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SBA: Jim Hammersley, Acting Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Assistance; James Rivera, Senior Loan Officer; and Karen Lee, Deputy Inspector General; and Quirina Iannazzo, Administrative Program Manager, Emergency Management Agency, State of Massachusetts.

**AMTRAK REFORM AND PRIVITIZATION
ACT**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads approved for full Committee action the Amtrak Reform and Privatization Act of 1995.

**SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE
PROGRAM**

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health concluded hearings to explore increasing and improving options for Medicare Beneficiaries, with emphasis on the Potential Role for Employers, Associations, and Medical Savings Accounts in the Medicare Program, with emphasis on the Potential Role for Employers, Associations, and Medical Savings Accounts in the Medicare Program. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MAY 26, 1995**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the General Accounting Office, and the Office of Technology Assessment, 9:30 a.m., SD-116.

Committee on Finance, business meeting, to resume markup of H.R. 4, to restore the American family, reduce illegitimacy, control welfare spending and reduce welfare dependence, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, to consider the nomination of Henry W. Foster Jr., of Tennessee, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and to mark up S. 850, authorizing funds for programs of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act, 9 a.m., SD-430.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.